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SUBJECT : RESULTS OF NATIONAL ELECTIONS IN NETHERLANDS
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REFERENCE: CURACAO S 431 OF JULY 30 AND A-27 OF MAY 30.

1. AUGUST 3 ELECTIONS ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT VIOLENCE. 77 PERCENT OF VOTERS TURNED OUT. SOME MORE CONSERVATIVE VOTERS DEFINITELY REMAINED AT HOME RESULT THREATENED STRIKES AND PRESSURE FROM UNIONS WITH RESULT (AS PREDICTED IN REFTTEL) THAT DEMOCRATIC PARTY SUFFERED REVERSE AND WON ONLY 4 SEATS ON CURACAO, 3 IN AFFILIATED PPA PARTY IN ARUBA, AND THE SINGLE SEAT ON SINT MAARTEN (FIRMLY KEEPING SENATOR WATHEY THAT ISLAND S POLITICAL BOSS) GIVING THE DP A TOTAL OF 8 STATEN SEATS. THE NVP WON 5 SEATS ON CURACAO MAKING THE MAJORITY PARTY ON THIS ISLAND. FRENTE OBRERO GAINED FROM LABOR PREASSURE AND 18-YEAR OLD VOTE AND WON 3 SEATS ON CURACAO. ON BONAIRE THE SINGLE SEAT WAS AGAIN CARRIED BY THE COMBINED LABOR PARTIES. ON ARUBA MEP WON A SOLID 5 SEATS
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WITH THE POPULAR LOCAL ISSUE OF SEPARATE ARUBAN INDEPENDENCE.

2. THE REAL PROBLEM NOW FACING THE MAJOR PARTIES IS AGREEMENT ON FORMING A NEW GOVERNMENT. THERE IS MUCH SPECULATION ON POSITIONS PARTY LEADERS WILL TAKE AND WHETHER THEY CAN AGREE ON MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS. SEPTEMBER 28 IS THE DATE OF THE OPENING OF THE NEW STATEN. IF PARTIES ARE NOT ABLE TO FORM A GOVERNMENT BY THAT TIME THEN THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT WILL REMAIN AS A CARETAKER UNTIL A NEW GOVERNMENT IS FORMED. SPECULATION IS STRONG THAT THE MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE FOR PRIME MINISTER IS THE HEAD OF THE NVP PARTY, MR. JUAN EVERTSZ. MR. EVERTSZ IS AN ABLE CANDIDATE. IT IS ALSO SPECULATED THE PRESENT PRIME MINISTER, R.J. ISA, MAY ACCEPT THE POSITION OF MINISTER OF JUSTICE. MOST LIKELY ANY NEW GOVERNMENT WILL BE FORMED FROM A COALITION OF NVP AND DP WITH THE MAJORITY OF MINISTERS COMING FROM CURACAO.

3. THERE IS SPECULATION WHETHER MEP OF ARUBA WITH 5 SEATS AND FRENTE OBRERO OF CURACAO WITH 3 SEATS WILL, UNLESS OFFERED CABINET SEATS, WISH TO REMAIN IN THE GOVERNMENT. MR. EVERTSZ HAS STATED HE WISHES A BROAD-BASED GOVERNMENT WITH SUPPORT OF ALL PARTIES. FRENTE S DECISION WHETHER TO PARTICIPATE COULD BE IMPORTANT TO ABILITY OF ANY NEW GOVERNMENT TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY. LOFTON

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